

## STONINGTON

**Centennial Oak Planted—Firemen Plan for Celebration Day—Arion Society's Property Brings \$9,920.**

Wednesday afternoon the Centennial oak was planted on the east side of Wadawansack park under direction of Warden Crandall. The tree will be dedicated Monday, Aug. 10, at the time of the celebration. The tree is about 15 feet high and came from the lands of A. W. Perry. It will be surrounded by a wire fence for protection.

## Firemen in Joint Conference.

The joint meeting of the fire departments of the towns of Stonington, Mystic and Pawcatuck was held here Wednesday night. Plans were made for the big parade Aug. 8. All representatives from the departments were present. Fire Chief Edward Teed was chosen permanent president of the joint committee. Robert L. Burich secretary, and W. F. Broughton treasurer. The banquet committee is R. M. Delaunay, Fred J. Ostman, A. E. Gavitt, Rudolph Donath, James P. McCort, all foremen of their respective companies. The line of march committee, headed by P. Teed, Henry Stahl and Charles Danath. The several companies will each be privileged to invite other organizations. Following are the positions assigned: First division, Pioneer Hook and Ladder Co., second division, C. S. Barber company, Pawcatuck; third division, Stonington Steam Fire Co.; fourth division, B. F. Hoxie company of Mystic; fifth division, Neptune Hose company of the borough.

## Bungalow Entered.

No trace of the thieves who broke into the Willard bungalow, Machipaug, last week have been discovered. The Thurney cadets of St. James church are planning for an entertainment in May under the direction of James H. Walsh.

The fishing boat Ben Ray has returned from Nantucket with a catch of 39 barrels of fish.

The power boat Buzzard, Capt. Erasmus Chessbro, has been launched for the season.

**Cradle Roll Social.**  
The cradle roll of Calvary church Sunday school held a social in the chapel Wednesday afternoon.

**Arion Property Sold.**  
The receivers of the Arion Singing society have sold the property to Henry Scholl for the sum of \$9,920.

**Buy Fishing Boats.**  
At the auction here of the fishing boats, netting and other fishing implements owned by the late Capt. Fred Ostman the fishing boat Freddie and Willie was bought by Fred Ostman and the boat Etta and Lena was sold to William Ostman.

## SHORT CALENDAR SESSION

To Be Held at Willimantic Saturday Morning.

In the superior court for Windham county there will be a short calendar session at Willimantic Saturday, April 18, at 10 o'clock. Judge Joseph F. Tuttle presiding. The short calendar assignments: Sturges & Burns Mfg. Co. vs. Milton R. Strymle, William N. Potter, admr., vs. Mary L. Turner, Alice Callhouse vs. Dona Severy, Albertus F. Wood vs. the A. F. Wood Co., Belle B. Bouette vs. George M. Bouette, Mary L. and Abel R. Burnham vs. Loren Lord, Dickson vs. J. B. Tatem & Son, Annie M. Thompson vs. the Elmville Worsted Co., Pierre Fournier, admr., vs. Arthur A. Chase.

**Trial List:** To Jury—Said Haddad vs. William H. Gies and Electric Light Co., Alfred Arseneault vs. Walter Kingsley, To Court—Lester H. Burnham vs. town of Hampton, Imogene Arnold, admr., vs. Charles A. Capen.

## PECULIAR FIRE AT WESTERLY

**Starts in Tailor's Cleaning Shop when Electric Lamp Chain Is Pulled—Man with Three Legs Raises Cain when One Is Missing—Smelt Trust-Busting.**

The thirty-first annual session of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island district, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity, was held Wednesday in Providence. Loyal Pride of New England lodge of Westerly was represented by William S. Spargo and Charles C. Bridgman. In his report retiring Provincial Grand Master John Simister proposed several changes in the by-laws and stated that the order was in a prosperous condition. He recommended that the suspension of business on visitations of grand officers, as practiced during the year he adopted as a regular custom. During the year there has been no call on the grand lodge for relief. George Lord, provincial corresponding secretary, reported that the outlook for the order was never brighter and during the year there was a gain of

15 members and of \$10,104.27. There are 22 lodges in the district, and on January 1, 1913, there were 2851 members, 333 being admitted by initiation and 44 by card, raising the number to 3250. During the year 148 were dropped for non-payment of dues, 45 left by card and 23 died, leaving an active list of 3026. The total amount of funds the first of the year 1913 was \$74,297.14, and the receipts were \$27,632.53, a total of \$112,231.67 and there was a balance of \$54,939.23.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: William Cray, of Providence, provincial grand master; John Herliet, of Pawtucket, provincial deputy grand master; George Lord, of Providence, provincial corresponding secretary; Isaac A. Kenworthy, of Olneyville, provincial treasurer; Walter Lowe, auditor; Andrew Dick, trustee three years; H. B. Fletcher, book examiner; Joseph Turner, board of management three years; W. H. Morrell, Joseph Hogg, Louis B. Clarke, relief committee; A. E. Ewing, Daniel Lewis, Edward Blackmore, William S. Weed, Henry Wray, Herbert S. Roberts, James Brown, arbitrators; H. R. Shaw, James Wheelan, John Sumpter, delegates to grand lodge convention.

Past Provincial Grand Master John Dashiell, of Providence was appointed deputy for Pride of New England lodge of Westerly.

There was a lively blaze in the cleaning department of the tailor shop of William St. Onge in the Leonard house building, which would probably have caused much damage but for the

prompt action of the men from the Bentley-Clark garage who battled with the blaze with chemical and pyrene fire extinguishers. Someone sent in the fire alarm and soon firemen joined the squad with the extinguishers and the fire was extinguished without the use of water through the fire hose, which were laid for use if required.

The fire was in a small room. Mrs. St. Onge was the only person in the room at the time. She had just cleaned a pair of trousers with benzine. She was about to leave the room and pulled the chain to an electric drop light when in an instant there was a mass of flame along the ceiling and shooting into the room. The door was closed and she called to Mr. St. Onge, who immediately rescued Mrs. St. Onge from danger. It is believed that when the chain was pulled to extinguish the light a spark was emitted from an insulated part of the drop cord near the socket, and that the spark ignited the inflammable vapor that filled the room. No benzine is kept in the shops only while being actually used, so that was no fluid to feed the flame.

The fire was kept confined to the cleaning room and the damage to the building will not exceed \$50. Mr. St. Onge's loss will be about \$150, but this does not include the loss to customers whose clothing happened to be in the cleaning process, all of which was completely ruined.

The Cyclones made an unsuccessful attempt to use the chemical tank in the hose wagon for a first time. The chemical hose was laid and the tank tripped, but the hose was accidentally disconnected from the tank and the extinguishing contents was squirted all over the wagon.

In connection with the fire Charles A. Potter tells a peculiar story of his own absent-mindedness due to the excitement consequent to the fire. Mr. Potter has but one real leg, losing the other through an accident several years ago. However, he possesses two artificial legs, so as to have one for every occasion. The other goes out of walking order. This spare leg he keeps in his bedroom, located just over the St. Onge shop. As soon as fire was discovered his first thought was to save that extra leg. So he went to his room, took the leg box and all and carried it down the hallway well removed from the fire that raged in the room below.

After the danger was passed Mr. Potter went to his room and missed his spare leg. He immediately announced in stentorian tones that someone had stolen his artificial leg and he vowed the announcement in a way that is peculiar to Mr. Potter and very plainly understood. After he had been told that the leg was not lost and given his blessing to the fellow who stole the leg, one of the lodgers recalled seeing a box in the hallway and described it. Then Mr. Potter's countenance broadened into a very broad smile and he said "I'll take back the leg of the fellow and will send it to myself." He then went after the missing leg.

A resolution was passed in the house Wednesday that provides compensation of \$750 each to the commissioners appointed to build and furnish the courthouse in Westerly. The commission is composed of Judge William B. Tanner of the superior court, Senator Louis W. Arnold of Westerly and Representative Abram L. Atwood of Providence. The other commissioners to receive like recompense were those created for the purpose of rebuilding the state house, the Rhode Island stone bridge and the Woonsocket armory. Not long ago Judge Tanner of the Western court, house-commissioner, who is alleged, never saw the building, decided the design of construction for the commission on the Pawtucket-Central Falls bridge and over \$2,500 was

awarded Representative Langworthy of Westerly and like sum to the other commissioners.

The smelt trust that has existed since the beginning of the fishing season, single marketmen cornering practically the entire catch in the Pawcatuck river and fixing the retail price at 22 cents a pound had finally been broken. Another marketman managed to break into the game and some of the river fishermen sold him their catches at 14 cents a pound and he immediately cut the retail price from 22 cents to 15 cents a pound. The price was met by the marketman that formerly controlled the catches and that's how the smelt trust was busted. It is claimed that the high price for smelts was warranted by the unusually good quality of the fish and a supply that was not equal to the demand.

Hardly had the smelt trust waned when a movement was started for a lobster trust in substitution thereof. The local markets are supplied in the main by Watch Hill lobstermen, so termed, and they have disposed of their catches at the wholesale price that prevailed at Noank which is the general lobster market for section. It is said that the trust promoter has visited the local lobstermen and offered them three cents a pound more for their catches than is offered by Noank market provided their entire product is delivered to the trust. Should this plan prevail it means fancy prices for lobsters to local consumers. Local dealers would then be compelled to purchase lobsters through others than the fishermen and at advanced prices, which means, of course, increased cost to the consumer.

The supreme court of Rhode Island handed down a rescript Wednesday afternoon in the case of Orville C. Barber, et ux, against the Watch Hill fire district and defendant's motion for judgment denied and dismissed. This is the case where a frame building owned by the Barbours on leased land was taken down and carried away by order of defendant, in connection with the improvement of Bay street at Watch Hill. It was evident that the building was illegally removed and the Barbours were awarded damages in the superior court.

**Local Laconics.**  
Henry Bryant visited in Providence Thursday.

Abel P. Tanner of New London was in Westerly Thursday.

John Callinsley, for evading payment of railroad fare, was fined \$5 and costs in the third district court.

Principal Frederick H. Ripley of the Prince school, Boston, visited the West Broad street school Thursday.

A game of baseball is scheduled for this afternoon at Vose field between the Westerly High school and Alumni teams.

Miss Grace D. Wheeler of North Stonington read an interesting paper on The Battle of Stonington at the regular meeting of the Westerly Historical society Thursday evening.

Stephen F. Borr, of Tompaug valley, was brought to Westerly Thursday by Deputy Sheriff Barber. He was charged with being an insane person and Judge Williams ordered that he be committed to the state hospital after examination had been made by a board of physicians.

Mrs. William C. Stanton died Tuesday night at her home near the corner of Elm and Cross streets in the sixty-fifth year of her age. Her husband, a woolen manufacturer, died several years ago. Mrs. Stanton's first

husband was the late Rev. Sherman S. Griswold, of Hopkinton. Mrs. Stanton leaves a sister, Mrs. E. Byron Gallup of Moosup, Conn. She was a member of the Seventh-day Baptist church. Charles R. Coon observed the eighty-seventh anniversary of his birth Wednesday, by entertaining intimate friends at his handsome home, No. 4 Elm street. Mr. Coon was born in Woodville and was a member of the firm of Kenyon and Coon engaged in the woolen industry at Kenyon. He came to Westerly about thirty-five years ago. Mr. Coon has a sister, Mrs. Horace Brightman, who is ninety years of age, who resides at 13 Spruce street, Westerly.

## NORWICH TOWN

**Bank Swallows Nearly a Month Late—Methodist Conference Postponed—Florida Visitors Returning.**

The bank swallows are here this week busily building their nests in the sandbanks on a farm on the Scotland road. The cold weather must have kept them away as they are due March 25. The indigo bunting has come from Central America to a home on the New London turnpike. This bird is usually here by the last of May and stays until September. On Wauwanes street the vesper sparrow and wren have been noted.

A lady on Washington street gives an account of a contest this last week in West Medford between a snowbird and a sparrow. The snowbird, found a tempting morsel by the way-side and was picking at it eagerly when observers saw a sparrow fly down and try to get it away. The snowbird fought for its prize until all the sparrows but one left. This one fought on until the long sharp bill of the snowbird pierced the side of the head and it lay dead on the ground. Then all the sparrows near with much chattering chased the snowbird as it flew wearily away.

**Dr. Usher Recovering.**  
The latest news received by relatives here from Dr. Clarence Usher, missionary physician in Van, Turkey, is that he is improving from the severe injuries due to exposure received during the winter on a ride to a patient. He is beginning to again take up his medical work.

**Conference Postponed.**  
The first quarterly conference of the year which was to have been held at the First Methodist church this (Friday) evening, has been postponed owing to the fact that District Superintendent G. G. Scrivener has been called out of town.

**Returning from Florida.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Owen S. Smith left their winter home in Florida, Tuesday and will remain in Washington, D. C., over Sunday on their way to their home on Huntington avenue.

**Sunday Preaching Service.**  
There will be a preaching service Sunday afternoon at the Scotland road hadd.

Charles Wheeler of Brewster's Neck visited his son, F. S. Wheeler, of the Scotland road, this week.

Miss Nellie Crabbe of North Franklin is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Frank S. Avery of West Town street.

John Cobb, who is working in the vicinity of Providence, was at his home on Elm avenue for the Easter recess.

Mrs. David R. Kinney of Tanner

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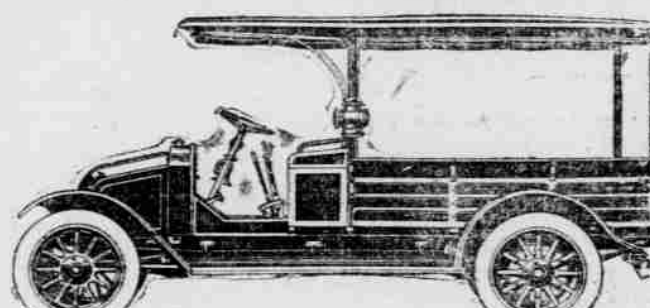


## Try to Figure This.

Little Bessie—"Papa, is there any difference in the word fool and foolish?" Papa—"That is. For instance, people who worry are foolish, while people who don't worry are fools. Now, perhaps, you can figure it out for yourself."

## The Arithmetic of It.

The pupils in a school were asked to give in writing the difference between a biped and a quadruped. One boy gave the following: "A biped has two legs, therefore the difference between a biped and a quadruped is two legs."



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